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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Michael Pyzocha

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 October 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-20 are pending.
2. Amendment filed 10/22/2004 has been received and considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-4, 7-10, 12-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Caffarelli et al (US 6091686).

As per claims 1, 3, and 7, Caffarelli et al discloses a file management method for files recorded on in an optical disk, comprising the steps of: reading information on whether or not a file recorded on the optical disk is prohibited to be renamed; and determining whether to conduct a requested operation of renaming and moving the file based on the read information (see column 11 line 45 through column 12 line 12 and column 18 lines 10-26 where it is inherent to check the file attributes before using or modifying the file because the attributes describe and regulate the file's use. Marking a file as read only would

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prevent any type of modification including renaming and moving the file).

As per claims 2, 4, and 10, Caffarelli et al discloses the information is written on the optical disc in a file attribute field of a file identifier descriptor in which detailed information on the file is written (see column 11 line 45 through column 12 line 12 and column 18 lines 10-26).

As per claim 8, Caffarelli et al discloses the command for a file operation is received from a computer through a digital interface (see figures 1 and 2).

As per claim 9, Caffarelli et al discloses providing an external device an information identifying the rejection of the requested file operation if the requested file operation is rejected (see column 14 lines 17-21).

As per claims 12 and 18, Caffarelli et al discloses the file attribute field has a size of 1 bit (see column 11 lines 45-48).

As per claims 13-15 and 19, Caffarelli et al discloses moving a file to a different directory if permitted (see column 18 lines 10-27).

As per claims 16-17 and 20, Caffarelli et al discloses the attribute information is pre-written on the optical disk in file attribute fields of a file identifier descriptor associated with

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the associated file wherein the file identifier descriptor further includes a first field indicating whether or not a file exists, a second field indicating whether the file is a directory or file, a third field indicating deletion of the file, a fourth field indicating whether or not an associated directory is parent, and a fifth field indicating meta data (see column 11 line 45 through column 12 line 12 and figure 10).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 5-6 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Caffarelli et al as applied to claims 3 and 10 above, and further in view of Ikeda et al (US 6636551).

As per claims 5-6 and 11 Caffarelli et al fails to disclose an attribute for copying.

However, Ikeda et al discloses such a copy attribute (see column 22 lines 52-64).

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At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use Ikeda et al's copy attribute with the attributes of Caffarelli et al's disk.

Motivation to do so would have been to allow for a copy once and never copy attribute (see Ikeda et al column 22 lines 52-64).

Response to Arguments

6. Based on applicant's amendments and arguments the previous rejections have been withdrawn and new rejections of the claims have been made.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Yoshimoto et al (US 6434099) discloses an optical disk with an attribute to determine if more recording is allowed, Gotoh et al (US 6292625) discloses a file identifier descriptor on a DVD, Saeki et al (US 6078727) discloses a DVD that allows for renaming of files, Microsoft Press defines file attribute and read only for the purposes of the rejection of claim 1, Rhoads (US 6766102) discloses reading attributes from a DVD.

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8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Pyzocha whose telephone number is (571) 272-3875. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00am - 4:30pm first Fridays of the bi-week off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Caldwell can be

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reached on (571) 272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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